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News from the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA

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RSVPs NEEDED FOR YMCA BUSINESS LUNCHEON

The annual Corporate Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA is in the process of inviting the regional business community members to their 10th Annual CAC Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 11:30 pm to 1 pm at the Traverse City Country Club.

Col. Gregory H Johnson, private citizen and Shuttle Astronaut, will be the featured speaker at its Annual CAC Luncheon. Tom Van Deinse, CEO of the YMCA, will also share the great work of the YMCA.

“For the last 10 years, a group of business leaders have come together to help the YMCA get the word out on its great work to the community in our region,” according to Paul Schmuckal, Chair of the CAC. “It is an ideal opportunity to hear about the YMCA and a featured speaker telling of their life experience. Business people in the region are invited to attend.”

Gregory H. Johnson is a Colonel and pilot in the US Air Force. In 1998, he received his training as an astronaut, in 2008 served as pilot of mission STS-128 in the space shuttle Endeavor, and will be flying STS-134 next year. He has served with distinction as an air force pilot in Desert Storm and served as an administrator in Shuttle Crew Support Services. Mr. Johnson has a bachelor’s degree from the US Air Force Academy, a master’s in flight structure engineering from Columbia University, and an MBA from the University of Texas in Austin. Johnson has been recognized for his community service to a wide variety of organizations.

Serving with Schmuckal on the CAC are community members Mike Buday, Doug Bishop, Michael Comstock, Pete Correia, Eric Fournier, Gary Holcombe, Kevin Jackson, Marc Judge, Chuck Judson, Bill Marsh, Jr., Tom McIntyre, Paul Morris, Henry Peet, Tina Piotrowski, Kim Pontius, Bill Smith, Art Southerton, Randy Tucker, Ron Williamson, and Doug Wolf.

RSVPs to the event are needed by October 23, 2009 at 231-933-9622 or dave@gtbayymca.org.

More information about the YMCA's 65 programs can be found on its website at www.gtbayymca.org .